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I saw Brandt this morning. He satisfied with general situation West Berlin. Present unemployment, as compared with same period last year, is 20,000 lower, there have been no significant removals people, capital or industry. Number persons leaving for permanent residence West Germany not markedly greater than normal flow. He emphasized that morale West Berliners primarily and largely depends upon their belief in firmness of U. S. foreign policy, and expectation we will maintain stand re garrison, access routes, etc. by resort to force if necessary. "

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